

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF LPG DEALERSHIP IN MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any advertisement has been published during 2007 for distribution of LPG dealership in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the districts covered for new LPG dealership; and
- (d) the reasons for not appointing any LPG dealers in Yavatmal and other crisis districts of Maharashtra where common people face hardships due to shortage of LPG?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have advertised for 112 locations in Maharashtra, in September, 2007. The district-wise and location-wise details are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

OMCs have also reported that at present, the LPG requirement of Yavatmal District is being catered by 18 LPG distributorships. OMCs have further reported that they have advertised for 2 new LPG distributorships in Yavatmal District of Maharashtra.

OMCs have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country including the State of Maharashtra and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.